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September 4, 2003

Honorable Tony Grippa, Chairman
Leon County Commission
301 S. Monroe Street, 5th Floor
Tallahassee, FL. 32301

Dear Commissioner Grippa;

This letter is to request support from the Leon County Commission for our Thirteenth Annual Night of Champions, a special evening to recognize the 2003 Champions for Children on Thursday, November 20, 2003 at the University Center Club. Nominations for champions are received from the public and voted on by the Steering Committee and the Kids Incorporated Board. Last year this event raised \$80,000 dollars for scholarships to low income working families who could not otherwise afford quality childcare. Each dollar raised from the Night of Champions will be matched with state funds distributed by the Child Care Executive Partnership program. The REACH Scholarship program enables limited state funds to be maximized through private donations. With continued community support, last year Kids Incorporated was able to provide more than 75 scholarships for needy children in our area. There are still more than 900 children who are on the waiting list for these services. With your participation we hope to raise the bar and provide school-readiness for more children in our community.

We are asking for your support as a Platinum level sponsor for \$5,000. Your generous donation will include a table with reserved seating for ten with the underwriter's name prominently displayed. The Leon County Commission will also be recognized in the evening's program, in a thank you advertisement in the Tallahassee Democrat, in the agency newsletter, which is distributed to 12,000 community members and leaders throughout the Big Bend region, and in the agency annual report. The Commission's support for this Annual fundraiser will directly affect the lives of many children in our community.

Please join us as we honor the Champions for Children in our community. Your support will have a long-term impact on the children in our community who receive these scholarships. We look forward to your participation in this wonderful event.

Yours truly,

Jaimi Morhard
Chairperson, Night of Champions





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Night of Champions Budget Report 2003

EXPENSES

Item	Amount	Subtotal
Auction:		
Bulk Mail (2 Mailouts)	\$300	
Frames/Materials	\$60	
Decorations	\$200	\$560
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Main Ballroom:		
Centerpieces	\$300	
Room Décor	\$200	
Chair Covers	\$800	
VIP Reception:		
Lights, candles, etc	\$200	\$1,500
Awards for Champions:		
Bulk Mail Nominations	\$115.27	
Frames, Nominees	\$100	
Certificates, paper, etc	\$100	
Figurines	\$350	
Mounting, Engraving, etc	\$500	\$1165.27
Food/Room Rental:		
University Club Center	\$8,000	
VIP Reception	\$800	\$8,800
Tickets:		
Mail outs	\$600	
Bulk Mail	\$100	\$700
Miscellaneous Supplies:		
U Haul Truck	\$150	
Food	\$100	
Supplies for Décor	\$100	
Kinko's Signs	\$200	
Gift bag and materials	\$100	\$650

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$13,375.27